



July 11, 2005

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my response to your Office Action that was mailed 4/07/05. My deadline for response was 7/07/05.

As you can see, this letter is dated 7/11/05, four days past the deadline. BUT, I had sent a response on June 11, 2005, almost one month prior to the due date. UNFORTUNATELY, I addressed the response to your old address based on an old reference I was using to compose the response. The envelop was not forwarded. It was returned to me and received this past Saturday 7/9/05, two days past the deadline.

I contacted the examiner's office for guidance, and they suggested I re-mail it with proof of my error and intention to meet the deadline. In that regard, I have enclosed the returned submission, unopened, which shows the erroneous address which in turn matches the certificate of mailing attached to and is part of the submission.

Is there any more I need to do to keep this patent on schedule? I regret this error and my stupidity in relying on an old reference. I certainly regret any additional work this missed deadline will cause you. However, I do wish to continue this process in a timely matter, and hopefully, this explanation and proof will be sufficient to keep this on schedule. If not, please let me know what I must do.

I look forward to your reply, and again, I am sorry for any additional work or inconvenience my mistake has caused you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Maskell".

Thomas Maskell

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